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Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** IB Coordinators and High School Principals

**FROM:** Leslie G. Fatum, Assistant Director of College and Career Readiness

Curriculum, State IB Coordinator

**DATE:** March 14, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Guidelines for Payment of International Baccalaureate Exams

As of January, 2014, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will use federal funding from the AP Test Fee Grant program for Fiscal Year 2013 to partially cover the IB exam costs incurred during the 2013-14 school year on behalf of students who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program and are enrolled in an IB-authorized high school Diploma Programme course. In addition, it will use monies reserved in the Testing and Remediation Fund to cover the remaining costs of exam and registration fees that are no longer reimbursed through the federal grant – for this year only.\*

\*\*The following NEW guidelines for schools have been established in order to expedite timely payment from IDOE to the requesting school entities:

- a. Generating and sending invoices: the IB Coordinator should obtain an invoice from the school or corporation business office. The invoice must be numbered, and should contain the following information:
  - i. The name and STN of the student on whose behalf the costs were incurred:
  - ii. The names of each of the IB exams administered to the student;
  - iii. The cost of each exam;
  - iv. The total amount invoiced per student;
  - v. The total amount requested; and
  - vi. The names, signatures, and contact information (phone and e-mail) of the IB Coordinator and the School Principal.

\*\*\*Invoices must be received no later than July 11, 2014 by IDOE at the following address (via mail, e-mail, or fax):

Leslie G. Fatum/State IB Coordinator Indiana Department of Education 115 W. Washington Street, Suite 600 Indianapolis, IN 46204

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\*\*\*\*Accurate invoices must be received by the IDOE by July 11, 2014, or the IDOE may not pay all of the invoiced expenses, and will notify the school of its responsibility to pay any denied costs. The IDOE will be instituting new audit procedures, and schools should keep accurate records in the event that they are audited.

\*For the 2014-15 academic year, IB schools should be prepared to cover any costs not reimbursed through the federal grant. Exam and/or registration fees not covered by the federal grant should not be charged to students who qualify for free/reduced lunch, per I.C. 20-33-5. The IDOE recommends several options to schools for assistance with these fees. Pursuant to IC 20-43-10-2(b), the funds provided to schools each year for the Academic Honors Diploma awards may be applied to off-set the costs of these exams. Schools may also use high-ability funds for identified high ability students to off-set these costs.